1	2	3	4	5
	Union Territories			
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	79.35	93.50	53.47
2.	Chandigarh	17.11	13.70	18.66
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	5.52	..	..
4.	Daman & Diu	15.75	28.50	12.03
5.	Delhi	20.22	58.34	133.71
6.	Lakshadweep	32.26	..	..
7.	Pondicherry	47.23	..	29.75
	TOTAL	3575.51	2271.93	3657.02

Modernisation of Dum Dum Airport

6924. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dum Dum Airport is being by passed in the country's Airport Modernisation Programme, despite the fact that the airport is lagging behind in key areas;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the share, if any, of Dum Dum Airport in the expenditure proposed to be made on the modernisation of country's airports; and

(d) whether Government would consider the question of removing the deficiences at the Dum Dum airport, alongwith the modernisation of other airports in the country?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) There is a plan for modernisation of communication, navigation and landing aids at Dum Dum Airport.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A sum of Rs. 37 crores has been proposed to be spent on modernisation of facilities at Dum Dum airport.

(d) There is no deficiency of facilities at Dum Dum airport at present. Modernisation of facilities is a ccontinuous process-and is taken up in a phased manned, subject to availability of funds. Modernisation of Dum Dum airport has been placed in the second phase of modernisation.

Fixation/revision of fare and cargo tariff by Indian Airlines Board

6925. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to allow Indian Airlines Board the freedom to fix and revise fare and cargo tariff without seeking Government approval;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what has been the procedure in vogue so far?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHU-

LAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Indian Airlines had to take prior approval of the Central Government before fixing fares and cargo tariff under the provisions of Air Corporations Act 1953. With the repeal of Air Corporations Act from 1-3-1994, the provision for taking prior approval of the Government also stands repealed.

Acquisition of Boeing 747-400 by Air India

6926. SHRI SURESH KALMADI; Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has decided to buy its fourth Boeing 747-400 through securitised debit; and

(b) if so, what are the complete details to be adopted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Air India is considering the possibility of restructuring the financing arrangements, through securitised debt, for the acquision of the fourth Boeing 747-400 aircraft to be delivered in June, 1994. However, no final decision has been taken.

Withdrawal of Vayudoot Service

6927. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the date when Vayudoot service on Bhubneswar-Jaypore-Vizag and Bhubneswar-Raurkela-Calcutta sectore were withdrawn by the Vayudoot authorities:

(b) the main reason therefor;

(c) whether the customers, particularly the tourist, travellers and executives are facing a lot of difficulties in the absence of air services from these cities; and

(d) if so, the steps taken so provide Vayudoot/air services to other cities?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Due to commercial and operational reasons, Vayudoot services on the route Hyderabad-Bhubaneswar-Jeypore-Vizag were withdrawn in the month of September, 1989. The services on the Calcutta-Bhubaneswar and Calcutta-Rourkela sectors were withdrawn in October, 1987 and September, 1990 respectively.

(c) and (d) Requests are received for reintroduction of these flights but Vayudoot is not in a position to start its operation in Orissa due to the reasons mentioned above.

Expension of Bhubaneswar Airport

6928. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK. Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the expansion of Bhubaneswar Airport; and

(b) if so, the funds earmarked therefor;

(c) the target date set for completion of the Bhubaneswar Airport and

(d) the progress made so far?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Bhubaneswar airport is being developed as a model airport. The plan includes extension of runway to 9000 feet and construction of a terminal building at a total cost of Rs. 24.42 crores.

(c) The work on construction of terminal building is expected to be completed by March, 1995. No target date for completion of runway extension has been fixed, since the road passing through the land proposed for runway extension is to be diverted by the State Government.